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SUBJ: GOG AGAIN DENIES PASSPORT TO FORMER MINISTER

1. EMMANUEL KOTHRIS, FORMER CU DEPUTY AND SEVERAL TIMES MINISTER, TOLD EMBOFFS JAN 22 THAT GOG HAD AGAIN REFUSED ISSUE PASSPORT FOR THIS TRAVEL TO U.S. TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST. HE NOTED THAT SINCE 1967 COUP HE HAS BEEN PERMITTED ONLY ONCE (1971) TO ATTEND BREAKFAST. KOTHRIS SAID GOG PROVIDED NO REASON FOR TURNING DOWN REQUEST.

2. IN BRIEF STATEMENT CARRIED ON DEUTSCHE WELLE BROADCAST JAN 22, KOTHRIS IS QUOTED AS SAYING GREEK OFFICIALS DID NOT APPROVE HIS REQUEST FOR PASSPORT TO ATTEND NATIONAL PROAYER BREAKFAST WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS DEMONSTRATION OF FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD OF PARLIAMENTARIAN REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL PARTS. KOTHRIS' STATEMENT ENDED BY CALLING PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS' ATTENTION TO ABSENCE IN PRACTICE OF MUCH-DISCUSSED EQUALITY OF TREATMENT OF GREEK CITIZENS AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.
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